Balanced and Objective Presentation of News and Information

1268. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to issue some guidelines for the balanced and objective presentation of news and information ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) and (b) Guidelines on the subject have been in existence for quite some time now.

T.V. Serial on Lal Bahadur Shastri/Former Prime Minister

1269. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan propose to produce some serial on the life and achievements of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, former late Prime Minister ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof with total amount to be spent on this project ;

(c) whether the Serial will have some episodes ;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor ;

(e) whether the names of lead characters have since been decided ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof with probable date fixed for its telecast ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) to (f) An eight part serial on the life and achievements of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri has been assigned to M/s Usha Enterprises by Doordarshan at a total cost of Rs. eighteen lakhs. Sudhir Prakash, Mahesh Kumar and Rupa Sahay have been chosen for the lead roles. The actual telecast of this serial, after it is completed, would depend upon Doordarshan's overall programme requirements at that time.

Privatisation of Various Sectors of Information and Broadcasting

1270. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration for bringing about privatisation in its various sectors ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) There is no scheme under consideration to privatise any media unit of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

(b) Does not arise.

कुल्लू, हिमाचल प्रदेश में आकाशवाणी केन्द्र का खोला जाना

1271. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री क्या यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने हिमाचल प्रदेश में कुल्लू जिले के मुख्यालय में आकाशवाणी के एक केन्द्र के खोलने की मंजूरी दे दी थी;